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SUBJECT: IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ON INDO- IRANIAN RELATIONS

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1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR GUDARZI COMMENTED TO ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON STATE OF INDO- IRANIAN RELATIONS FOLLOWING RECENT VISITS TO INDIA OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT IRANIANS, INCLUDING MOTHER OF EMPRESS AND EDUCATION MINISTER. HE SAID THESE VISITS WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED LONG BEFORE DISCOVERY OF ARMS IN IRAQI EMBASSY ISLAMABAD WERE MARKED BY NOTABLE CORDIALITY. LITTLE SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED.

2. GUDARZI CONTINUED IRAN DESIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND WILL WORK TO THAT END; HOWEVER, INDIA MUST ACCEPT CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND PAKISTAN. ASKED IF INDIANS HAD RAISED DIRECTLY POSSIBLE TRANSFERS OF US- SUPPLIED ARMS FROM IRAN TO PAKISTAN, GUDARZI SAID NO. THEY PREFERRED TO VOICE THEIR CONCERN THROUGH PRESS AND THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: GUDARZI SEEMS MORE SERIOUS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR,
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AND LIKELY TO PROVE MORE EFFECTIVE. HE HAS LONG PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE AND SEEMS KEENLY INTERESTED IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.
WE PLAN TO REMAIN IN TOUCH.
MOYNIHAN

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